In August we wrote to families in relation to our 1 to 1 Digital Devices Program and the involvement of our Year 1 & Year 2 children in 2014. At this stage our ICT Committee has endorsed the following timeline:

**Term One 2014**
- Training sessions for staff, students and families with i-scholaris
- Digital Citizenship Workshops for new families participating in BYOD scheme

**Term Two 2014**
- Year 1 & Year 2 children commence using BYOD (iPad) on designated days determined by Class Teacher (Max 2 days a week)

We look forward to consolidating the effectiveness of iPads in supporting student learning and providing our children with assuming greater ownership of their learning journey.

**Satisfaction Survey & Chaplain Survey:** A reminder that we invite feedback from our community in relation to the following:


Your comments will be fruitful in enabling us to meet compliance and to ensure that we can continue to sustain and build our school in the religious, learning, administrative and community dimensions. Surveys have been extended to be completed by midnight on Friday 22nd November.

**Uniform:** Parents of all students are reminded that children are required to use a St. Brigid’s Catholic School, school bag. This is especially important for parents of current Year 6 students going into Year 7 in 2014. There is some misinformation out there that Year 7s are not required to use the official school bag. We thank you for supporting us in ensuring all students use the correct uniform items.

**LEARNING DIMENSION**

Over the last few weeks we have obtained evidence from the NAPLAN results and our Early Years Assessments which indicate learning growth across the cohort tested. It is pleasing to witness that after 5 terms of schooling our junior primary children have been able to demonstrate higher levels of Reading and Writing which has placed us on par with the average in all schools across the State. Likewise, our Year 3, 5 and 7 NAPLAN data highlights improvement in all areas except for writing which becomes a significant focus for our future direction. It is pleasing to witness growth over the past 3 years and that the efforts of staff, families and our children is being witnessed through these assessments.

I congratulate our children on displaying their learning in these settings and acknowledge the continuing commitment of our staff to seek improvements in the learning outcomes of our students. This data affirms the value of the Federal Government funding for our Literacy and Numeracy coaches for 2013 who have worked tirelessly in supporting staff with planning, pedagogy and assessment to enable staff to continue to improve their professional practice.

**iPad News:** Feedback from Catholic Education SA indicates that our school will be able to access a Student Management System (SMS) tool in 2014. The benefit of this software is that it will provide a more comprehensive digital portfolio for our students and improve communication between school and home. This is a much more effective tool than Edmodo which has been an introduction to this type of management instrument. It is our aim to coordinate parent sessions early in Term One to ensure that families are able to maximise the efficiency of the SMS. The program is called i-scholaris and I encourage you to view it on Google to gain an insight into its capacity. This has been identified by families, staff and students as the missing link in relation to the provision of an effective and efficient storage tool.
LEADERSHIP NEWS  cont.

LEARNING DIMENSION cont.

Premier’s Reading Challenge: Certificates will be distributed after Community Prayer on Friday 22nd November at 9:15am.

COMMUNITY DIMENSION

Cabaret: Congratulations to our Parent Team for arranging a wonderful community occasion last Saturday evening. The 2013 School Cabaret enabled many of our families, friends and staff to join together and enjoy great food, company, music and the opportunity to access items in our auctions. There was a terrific buzz all night and we express our appreciation to the Parent Team for generously donating their time and resources to achieve this fantastic outcome. We also thank our many sponsors, who through their kindness have enabled our school to raise funds to purchase a communication noticeboard which will improve communication at our school.

Open Day: A reminder that this Sunday we will be hosting our Open Day between 2pm – 4pm. It will be a great opportunity for our wider community to view our school and converse with staff, students and parent representatives about what St Brigid’s has to offer their children. Please encourage family and friends to spare an hour and witness the terrific facilities and hospitality offered by St Brigid’s.

Parent Team: The next parent Team meeting is on Wednesday 27th November at 9.15am. The focus of this meeting will be to review the Cabaret and begin planning for 2014. It would be great to see old and new faces attend. Everyone welcome!

School Online Canteen: Please consider trialling the online canteen process over the next few weeks. Your opinions will be useful in determining if we continue with this approach into 2014.

It is pleasing to see there has been an increase in the first week of online canteen orders.

Remember: www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

- Register
- Receive a confirmation email and log in to website
- Select St Brigid’s Catholic School and enter your child’s name
- Add credit to your account

Then…

- Select your child
- Select your date
- Add meal items to the order
- Confirm order

One very happy Canteen Manager!

Group Photos: Please be advised that order forms for group photos can be collected from the front office. These photos can be viewed in the album at the front office and include Anne Starr’s, Sports Leaders, Music Leaders, Choir Members, Liturgical Band and Tech Crew members.

RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

Advent: As the Liturgical Season of Advent draws closer we begin to prepare for the birth of Jesus. It is a season of hope and of longing, of joyful expectations and of peaceful preparation. Advent begins in our church on December 1st but as this is the beginning of week 8 as a school we will begin the Advent Season next week.

Advent is the time for reflecting on all we have and thinking of others. As a school we continue to help and support those in need. During the following 4 weeks families are invited to donate a gift for a child or non-perishable food items which can be placed under the Giving Tree in the front office. These gifts will be given to St Vincent De Paul, Gawler and distributed to families in need in our local area for Christmas 2013. It would be appreciated if gifts are labelled with the appropriate gender and age displayed. In anticipation a huge thank you for your support.

Christmas: With the Christmas Pageant now behind us, Christmas decorations all around us and Christmas Carols being sung, we know the festive season is here. All families of our school community are invited to join the Parish to celebrate Christmas Eve in the SMMAT at the 7pm Family Mass. Children are invited to dress in appropriate Christmas costume, Angels, Shepherds, Wise Men, Mary, Joseph, Kings, sheep and any other Nativity attire. As this is a Family Mass we are inviting children to participate either through reading, welcoming, collection or offertory procession. If you know you will be attending the parish Christmas Eve Family Mass and your child/children would like to take part please email andreawhite@stbrigids.catholic.edu.au to express your interest.

Family Mass: The next Family Mass is Sunday December 1st, 10am at Ss Peter and Paul Parish. If your child/children would like to participate in the Parish Family Mass please email Andrea White by Monday November 25th.

School Fee Accounts

Families who are leaving this year must finalise their school account by 29th November 2013. Any questions or concerns can be addressed to me, Jayne Clarke.
Lots of fun, laughter and dancing made a fantastic night for all. Over 160 people danced the night away to the great sounds of “All Soul’d Out”.

A huge thank you to the talented and entertaining MC “Steve Redden” for a brilliant job on the night. Thank you to the Parent Team for their effort in organising and staging the event. The Silent Auction and Live Auction was a huge success. Congratulations to all those winning bidders and many thanks to the local business without whom, the fantastic prizes would not have been possible. We would like to thank all Families and Friends of St Brigids Catholic School for your help in raising approximately $6500. The final tally will be printed in the next newsletter. Funds raised will now help with purchasing new external school communication signage.

Thankyou............

24/7 Fitness Plus  Adelaide Crows
Angela & Wayne Butcher  Aura Homewares
Cafe Farina  Cafe Sia
Crazy Monkeys Playhouse  Crestline Meats
Dowden Personal Fitness Centre  Dreamland Gawler
Event Cupcake  Ezy Video
Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club  Gawler Car & Pet Wash
Gawler Flower Gallery  Giannitto Family Hotels
Gods Hill Wines  Hahndorf Farm Barn
Helium House  Hemera Estate Wines
Hon John Dawkins mlc  Java Hut
Jewellery Journey  Jorge Centenera
K Brereton Jewellers  KFC Jodie Chammen
Langmeil Estate  Leading Edge Telecom
Lyndoch Bakery  Mauve & Dave Rutley
Mensland  Micks Motorcycles Gawler
Peter Lehmann Wines  PJ O’Briens Irish Pub
Potger & Richardson Chemmart  Premium Vehicle Sales – Robbie Zeuner
Rockford Wines  Rosa Matto – Chef &Ch7 Presenter
Serafino Wine  Serenity Beauty
She’s Apples  Sport Power Gawler
Stella Giannito  Sunrise Bakery
Te aro Estate  Terry White Chemist
The Lolly Shop Gawler  The Puppet Workshop
This Little Piggy  Travel Planner Gawler
Virgara Wines  Vine Inn Nuriootpa
What Pete Shot  Whistler Wines

Adelaide Festival Theatre  Brayden Wauchope Golf
Conversations Cafe  Domino’s Gawler
Elders Real Estate Gawler  Fig 22
Gawler Cinemas  Goddard’s Fine Meats
Heart ‘n’ Soul Hair & Beauty  HG Humphreys Electrical
Jessica Blown  Jo Vink
Landmark Redden  Lou Miranda Estate
Melissa Close  Nerissa Nesci – Tuppaware
Plasma Art by David Wynes  Pure Platinum
Schild Estate Wines  Shall We Dance
St Brigid’s Catholic School  T & D Pigmarketers
The Bake & Brew Shop  Thirsty Camel Bottle Shop
Vadulious  Westpac
Xavier College
# St Brigid's Canteen Volunteer Roster

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**Open Day**

**17th Nov 2pm - 4pm**

St Brigid’s Catholic School acknowledges the Kuurna people as the traditional owners of the land upon which our school is situated.